

Leaders to Watch by Orlando Magazine in 2018.

Secretary Davis earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Florida State University, where he was an exceptional safety for the Seminoles' football team. In his spare time, Secretary Davis enjoys volunteering for the United Way, Valencia College, Volunteer Florida, and the Kappa Alpha Psi Achievement Foundation.

All of his leadership roles have been rooted in supporting students and helping younger generations fulfill their dreams. The Florida Lottery's mission perfectly aligns with his goals and experiences: increasing revenue for the betterment of Florida's education system. The organization has provided funding for more than 880,000 scholarships. In recognition of his distinguished career and record of public service, Secretary Davis will be inducted into the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project at its 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast on Monday, January 18, 2021. He will support the 5000 Role Models' goal of saving minority boys from the pits of destruction, drugs, and the criminal justice system.

I am incredibly proud to honor Secretary Davis and welcome him to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PROSECUTOR HOME RULE ACT OF 2021

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Prosecutor Home Rule Act of 2021 to give District of Columbia residents another important element of self-government that does not require statehood and is enjoyed by all other Americans, including those in the U.S. territories. The bill would establish a local prosecutor's office designated under local law to prosecute all local crimes in the District. Under federal law, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, a federal entity, is responsible for prosecuting most local crimes committed by adults here, which is the greater part of its caseload, in addition to prosecuting federal crimes. This bill is special because it effectuates a 2002 advisory referendum, approved by 82 percent of D.C. voters, to create a local prosecutor's office.

There is no law enforcement issue of greater importance to D.C. residents on which they have less say than the prosecution of local crimes here. A U.S. Attorney has no business prosecuting the local crimes of a jurisdiction, an anachronism that is a holdover from when the District had no home rule and that is out of place in any American self-governing jurisdiction. In fact, the territories of the United States—Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands—have the authority to prosecute all local crimes in their jurisdictions. A local D.C. prosecutor is long overdue, placing the District behind all other U.S. jurisdictions. The goal of this bill is to give the District the same jurisdiction over the criminal matters that state, local and territorial jurisdictions justifiably regard as mandatory.

Amending federal law to create a local prosecutor would be an important step toward our goal of achieving true self-government in the District. I urge my colleagues to support this important measure.

HONORING ANTHONY SAMPSON

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony Sampson, a local business owner and influential financial advisor, for his exemplary service and commitment to the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex. Anthony is an active figure in the North Texas community. His achievements span decades, and his ongoing involvement in the community is visible in many aspects. Beginning his professional career with Allstate in 1983, Anthony quickly rose through the ranks and held several management positions. While growing with Allstate, he achieved over two dozen prestigious awards. In 1993, Anthony opened Sampson Financial Services, Inc./Allstate Insurance Agency in Arlington, TX and continues to lead his team to bring reassurance and stability to our community. Anthony is an active leader in the African American community and is committed to empowering youth through volunteerism and community service. He helped found "100 Black Men of Greater Dallas-Fort Worth" to show young people how great their future can be. The hard work and spirit shown by him is an outstanding example of American success and ingenuity.

Anthony is a dedicated leader and mentor in our community; his commitment to the development of North Texans should be commended and remembered. By honoring Anthony Sampson, our Dallas Fort Worth, Texas residents will recognize his leadership and commitment to the betterment of our North Texas community and country.

REMEMBERING RICHARD ROMINGER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Richard Rominger and his legacy as a champion of rural communities and American farmers. Patti and I are deeply saddened by Richard's passing, and our hearts are with Evelyn and their family during this difficult time. I called Rich's cell phone the morning he passed away. He did not answer. I've called that number hundreds of times seeking advice and counsel, and I have always come away from the conversation with a gem of wisdom, a better solution to a problem, encouragement, and a precious gift of friendship. Not this time. My call was answered by his son confirming Richard Rominger's death. I'll keep Rich's number. He won't answer, but just calling will encourage me to stay true to the lessons he taught me. I know that Rich treated everyone with the same respect and desire to help. Perhaps they will keep that number, too.

Richard and Evelyn Rominger served in President Bill Clinton's administration with Patti and I. Richard was Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Patti ran the Foreign Agriculture Service's food and famine programs. Richard was always the bulwark of support for the American family farmer. He knew the challenges facing farm families, and he knew how to use government to improve their lot. During the Clinton years the Department of Agriculture and Department of Interior, where I was also Deputy, teamed up to produce seminal studies on the effects of Climate Change, create the first Tahoe Summit, address droughts, support land conservation efforts nationwide, attack invasive species, and protect America's great forest.

Governor Jerry Brown recognized Richard's potential as a problem solver when he appointed Richard to serve as the Secretary of the California Department of Agriculture. A problem-solver was necessary with Medflies, drought, water wars, and agricultural labor problems in abundance. Undaunted by these challenges, Rominger steered a wise course that yielded a bumper crop of solutions.

Following his time in government, Richard returned to Winters—where he was raised—to continue his work supporting the U.S. agriculture industry. Richard was named Agriculturalist of the Year by the California State Fair and received a Distinguished Service Award from the California Farm Bureau Federation for his lifelong commitment to the agricultural community.

Richard was a dear friend for whom I have the deepest respect and admiration. His life's work has had an indelible positive impact on our state and nation, and he will be deeply missed. Patti and I send our condolences to Evelyn and the Rominger family.

COMMENDING MAYOR DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Mayor Daniella Levine Cava on the occasion of her historic election as the first female Mayor of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Daniella Levine Cava was sworn in as Mayor of Miami-Dade County on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, making history as the first woman to do so. Prior to her historic election, she served as the Miami-Dade County Commissioner representing District 8, first elected in 2014, and re-elected in 2018. Her district included Palmetto Bay, Cutler Bay, Homestead, and unincorporated areas of South Miami-Dade including Redland, Falls, Princeton, Naranja, Leisure City and parts of West Kendall.

While a member of the Miami-Dade County Commission, she served on the following Committees: Transportation and Finance; Infrastructure and Capital Improvements; Public Safety and Rehabilitation; and the Community Disparities Subcommittee of the Chair's Policy Council. She also served on the Transportation Planning Organization and the Executive Board of the South Florida Regional Planning Council.